

Legislative Analysis



DENTAL HYGIENISTS: CONTINUING ED. FOR PAIN & SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT

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House Bill 5025

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5025 AS INTRODUCED 6-29-05

When the completion of continuing education is required in order for a health professional to renew a license under Article 15 of the Public Health Code, the relevant licensing board must require the applicant to complete an appropriate number of hours or courses in pain and symptom management. Currently, this provision does not apply to persons licensed under Part 184 (sanitarians) or Part 185 (social workers), or to dental hygienists licensed under Part 166 (which covers dentists, dental assistants, and dental hygienists).

House Bill 5025 would eliminate the exemption for dental hygienists, thus requiring them to take courses in pain and symptom management to renew a license.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill may have a modest initial impact on the Department of Community Health's Bureau of Health Professions.

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